


















Q1 Quality of life in Colorado today

Excellent	185	33%	
Good	298	54%	
Only fair	62	11%	
Poor	4	1%	
Unsure	3	1%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	










Q2 Change in the quality of life in Colorado compared to three years ago

Better	79	14%	
About the same	314	57%	
Worse	143	26%	
Unsure	16	3%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	










Q3 Would most improve the quality of life

Better paying jobs	290	52%	
More outdoor recreation	23	4%	
Less traffic & congestion	105	19%	
Stronger property values	18	3%	
Less pollution	22	4%	
Better shopping	46	8%	
Unsure	42	8%	
Refused	6	1%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	










Q4 Rate of growth in your region of Colorado

Too fast	347	63%	
Much	162	29%	
Somewhat	185	34%	
About right	175	32%	
Too slow	20	4%	
Somewhat	16	3%	
Much	4	1%	
Unsure	9	2%	
Refused	1	0%	
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**Q5 Compared to other regions
of Colorado today, own
region's economic conditions
are**

Better	173	31%	
Much	36	7%	
Little	137	25%	
Same, no change	203	37%	
Worse	156	28%	
Little	116	21%	
Much	40	7%	
Unsure	18	3%	
Refused	2	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	

**Q6 Compared to other regions
of Colorado, own region's
drought experience has been**























Better	187	34%	
Much	57	10%	
Little	130	23%	
Same, no change	175	32%	
Worse	167	30%	
Little	102	18%	
Much	65	12%	
Unsure	20	4%	
Refused	3	1%	
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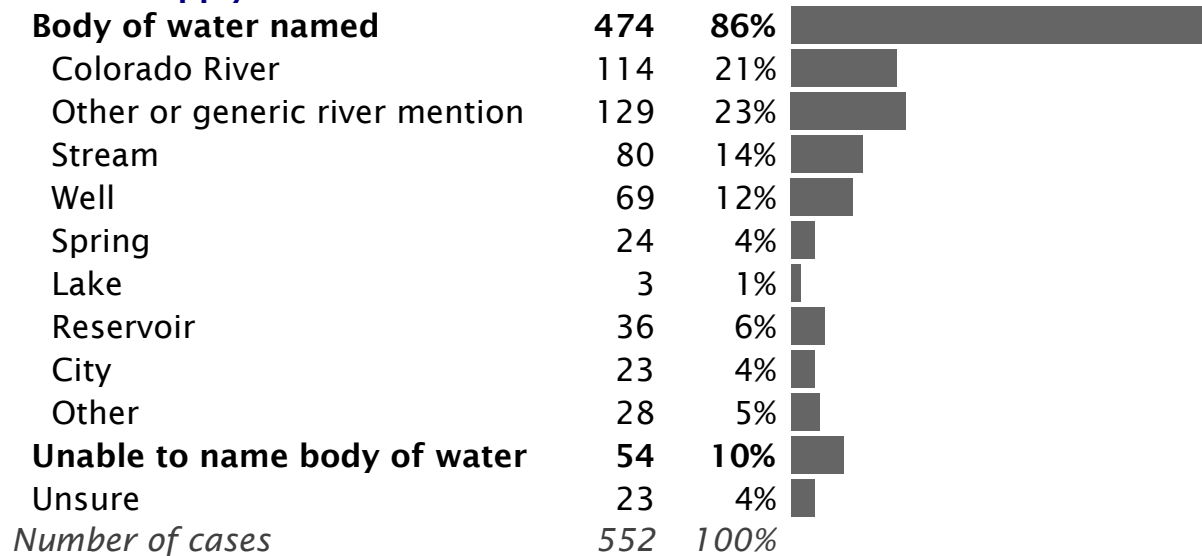
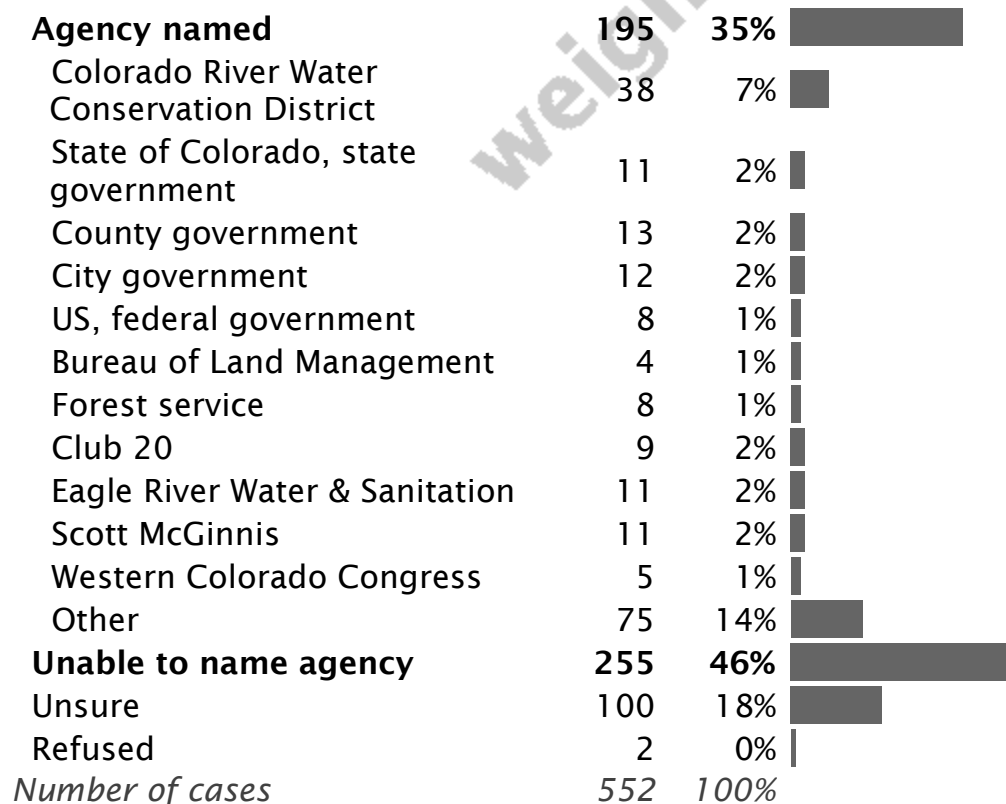
**Q7 Area of greatest need for
regional planning &
cooperation among leaders in
your part of the state**

Seeking new jobs & businesses	102	18%	
Managing growth & development	143	26%	
Promoting tourism	22	4%	
Developing new water resources	75	14%	
Improving healthcare	129	23%	
Protecting environmental resources	52	9%	
Unsure	26	5%	
Refused	4	1%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	






weighted

Q8 Most essential or most important natural resources in own region or area of Colorado






Water	300	54%	
Colorado River	41	7%	
Other specific water source; rivers; lakes; reservoirs	20	4%	
Lake Dillon	12	2%	
Drought mentioned	10	2%	
Water being sent to other areas	9	2%	
Yampa River	5	1%	
Water in general	212	38%	
Wildlife	69	13%	
Other hunting; other animals	19	3%	
Fishing	11	2%	
Elk	9	2%	
Deer	8	1%	
Other wildlife	44	8%	
Land; open space; development	102	18%	
Agriculture; farming	51	9%	
Recreational activities; tourism	14	3%	
Natural resources in general	7	1%	
Winter sports; skiing	2	0%	
Other	22	4%	
Nothing; none	6	1%	
Don't know; no answer	68	12%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	

**Q9 Source of own in-home
water supply****Q10 Governmental agencies or
bodies doing the most for
region to protect & preserve
water resources**


















**Q11 Colorado River Water
Conservation District**

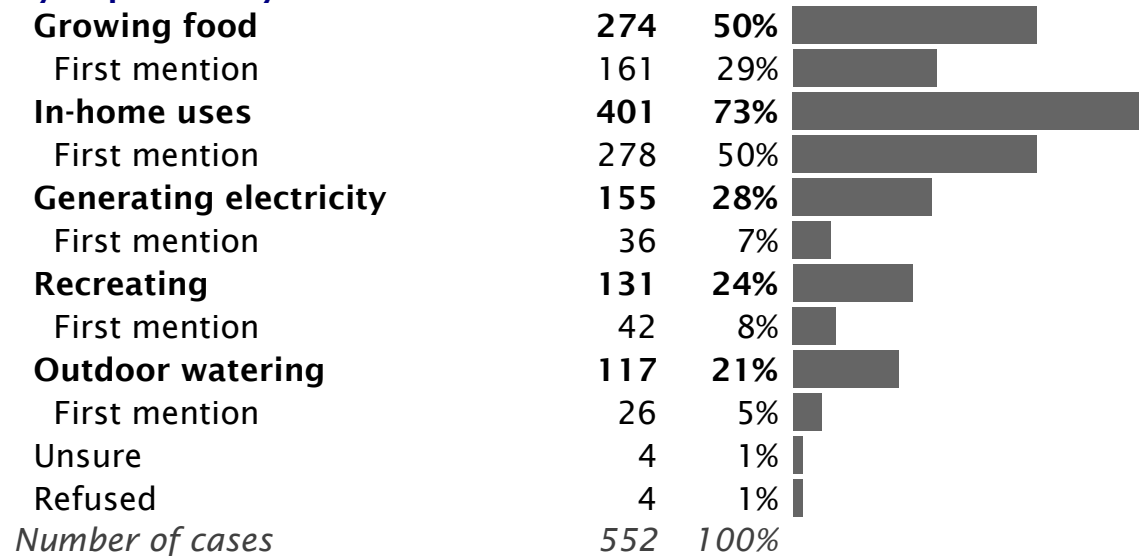
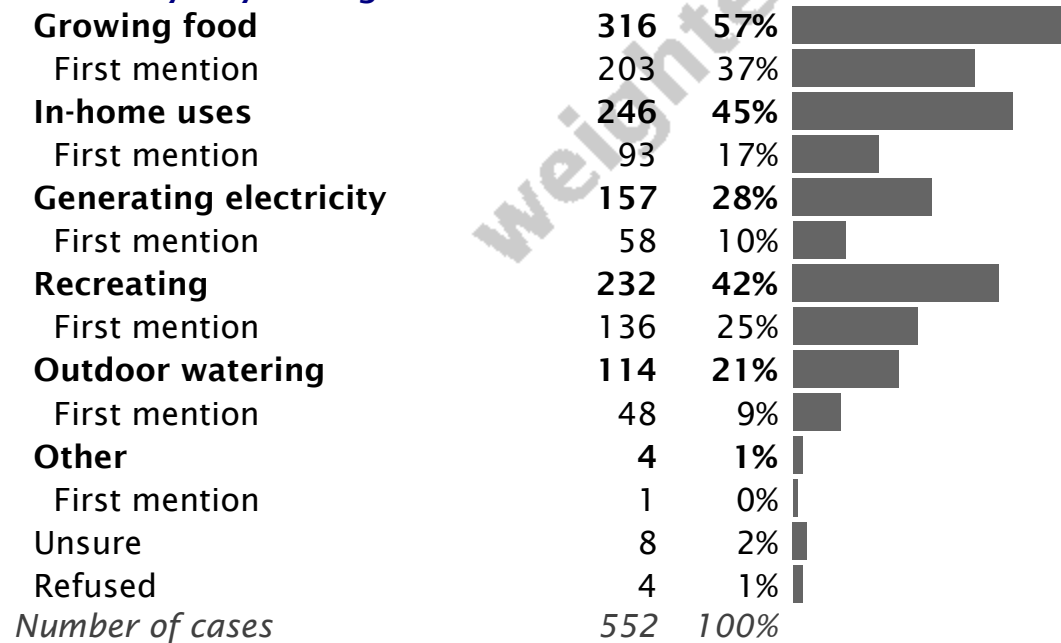
Very familiar	25	5%	
Somewhat familiar	210	38%	
Not very familiar	210	38%	
Not at all familiar	106	19%	
Unsure	1	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	

**Q12 Last year's drought
conditions**






Very aware	483	87%	
Somewhat aware	59	11%	
Not very aware	6	1%	
Not at all aware	4	1%	
Unsure	1	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	

**Q13 Most news or information
about water issues in own
region of Colorado**





Local daily or weekly newspaper	380	69%	
First mention	256	46%	
Denver newspaper	83	15%	
First mention	39	7%	
Television news	305	55%	
First mention	146	27%	
Radio	84	15%	
First mention	31	6%	
Internet	42	8%	
First mention	12	2%	
Conversations with others in the community	176	32%	
First mention	58	10%	
Other	9	2%	
First mention	4	1%	
Unsure	3	0%	
Refused	1	0%	
Never get any news or information	3	0%	
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**Q14 Water uses important to
you personally****Q15 Water uses important to
economy of your region**
















**Q16 Describes region's
drought situation of last
summer**

Very serious	334	61%	
Somewhat serious	174	32%	
Not very serious	29	5%	
Not at all serious	12	2%	
Unsure	2	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	






**Q17 Expectations for the
drought situation for this
summer, compared to last
year**

Improved	381	69%	
Same	119	22%	
Worse	42	8%	
Unsure	10	2%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	





**Q18 Ways the drought affected
or will affect own family**

Lawn, garden, plants, landscaping watering	104	19%	
Outdoor recreation; boating	86	16%	
Crops; irrigation; livestock	68	12%	
Wildfire risk	66	12%	
Lake, river, stream levels	39	7%	
Campfires; camping	27	5%	
In-home use; showers	25	5%	
Fishing	23	4%	
Water rates increased	17	3%	
Economic impact	12	2%	
Tourism	10	2%	
Water conservation in general	61	11%	
Other	16	3%	
Nothing; none	141	26%	
Don't know; no answer	12	2%	
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Q19 Developing reservoirs for multiple uses such as drinking water, irrigation, recreation & power generation

High priority for district	284	51%	
Medium priority for district	194	35%	
Low priority for district	70	13%	
Unsure	4	1%	
Refused	0	0%	
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Q20 Protecting streamflows that benefit whitewater sports like rafting & kayaking

High priority for district	97	18%	
Medium priority for district	219	40%	
Low priority for district	231	42%	
Unsure	4	1%	
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
Q21 Generating electricity

High priority for district	228	41%	
Medium priority for district	242	44%	
Low priority for district	78	14%	
Unsure	4	1%	
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
Q22 Protecting fish & wildlife habitat

High priority for district	318	58%	
Medium priority for district	186	34%	
Low priority for district	46	8%	
Unsure	1	0%	
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
Q23 Developing irrigation projects that help farmers & ranchers produce food

High priority for district	352	64%	
Medium priority for district	163	30%	
Low priority for district	35	6%	
Unsure	2	0%	
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
Q24 Protecting & preserving beautiful scenery

High priority for district	244	44%	
Medium priority for district	226	41%	
Low priority for district	76	14%	
Unsure	6	1%	
Refused	1	0%	
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Q25 Keeping water running to our homes for drinking, cooking, washing & showering

High priority for district	452	82%	
Medium priority for district	86	16%	
Low priority for district	13	2%	
Unsure	0	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	





Q26 Protecting the ability of Western Colorado to put its own water to beneficial use

High priority for district	433	78%	
Medium priority for district	93	17%	
Low priority for district	18	3%	
Unsure	7	1%	
Refused	1	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	





**Q27 Protecting Colorado's
agricultural heritage**

High priority for district	370	67%	
Medium priority for district	157	28%	
Low priority for district	20	4%	
Unsure	3	1%	
Refused	2	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	








**Q28 Developing a detailed,
comprehensive plan to
protect & preserve the
region's water supply**

High priority for district	423	77%	
Medium priority for district	107	19%	
Low priority for district	19	3%	
Unsure	3	1%	
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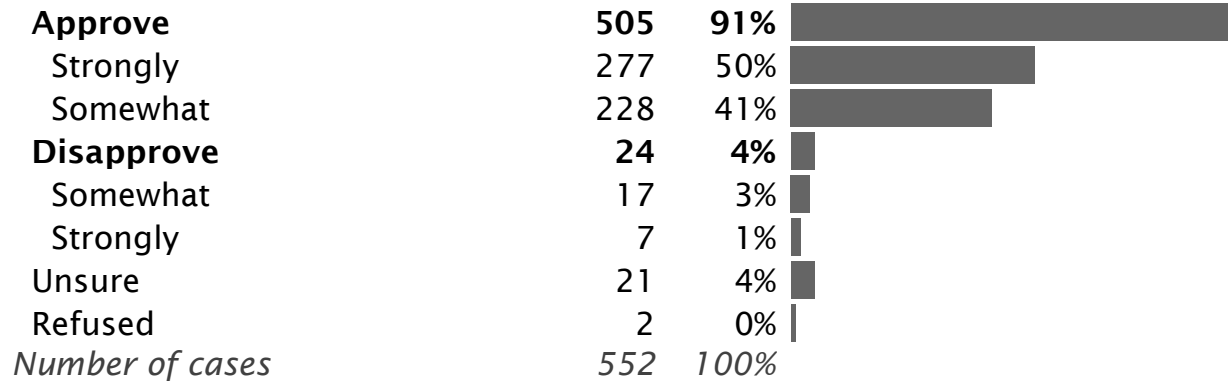
**Q29 Protecting water quality in
rivers & streams**

High priority for district	434	79%	
Medium priority for district	99	18%	
Low priority for district	18	3%	
Unsure	2	0%	
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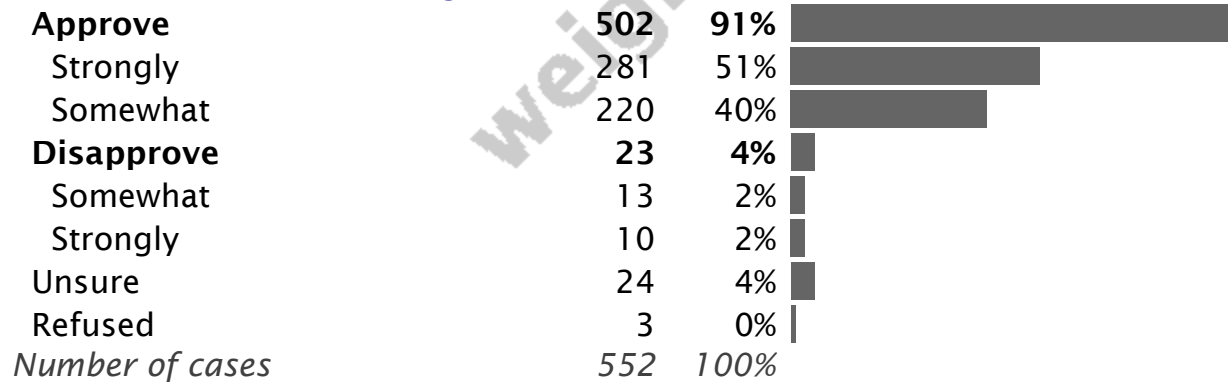
**Q30 District paid several
hydroelectric facilities to use
less water or stop generating
electricity in order to
preserve more water in
storage for other human uses**

Approve	379	69%	
Strongly	140	25%	
Somewhat	239	43%	
Disapprove	137	25%	
Somewhat	89	16%	
Strongly	48	9%	
Unsure	36	6%	
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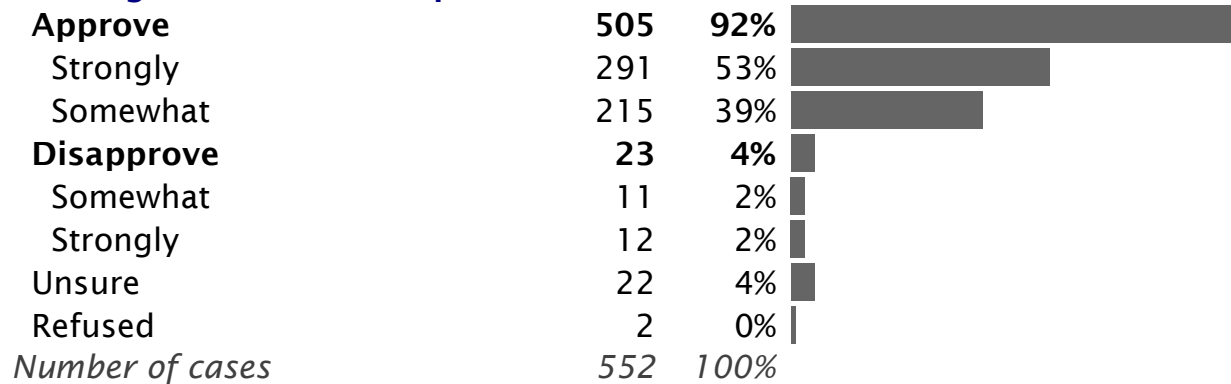
Q31 District negotiated with reservoir operators & other water management groups to coordinate the releases of stored water most efficiently throughout the region



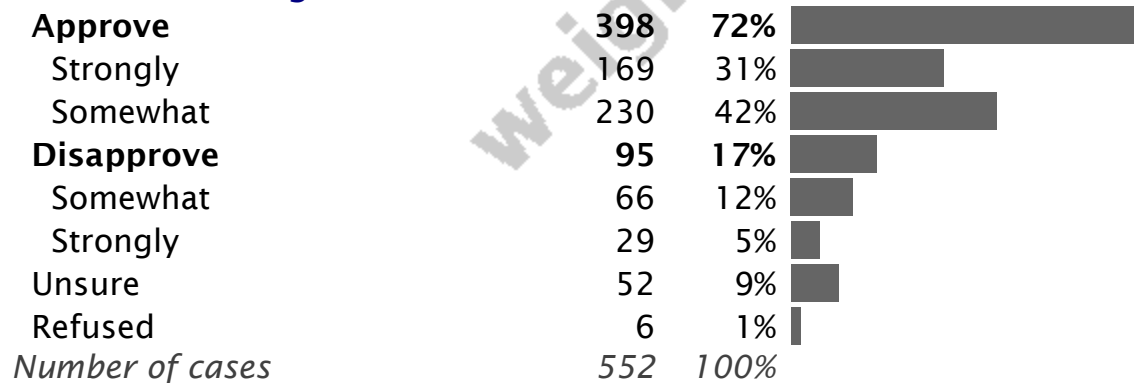
Q32 District acquired unused water resources to help Western Coloradoans left without sufficient water supplies due to the drought



Q33 District awarded more than \$150,000 in grants last year to improve local water supplies & facilities throughout the West Slope



Q34 District approved a plan to double the size of Elkhead Reservoir near the Town of Craig to resolve conflict between human uses & the needs of endangered fish



Q35 District worked to ensure that California uses only the amount of Colorado River water that it is legally entitled to

Approve	514	93%	
Strongly	445	81%	
Somewhat	69	13%	
Disapprove	33	6%	
Somewhat	20	4%	
Strongly	13	2%	
Unsure	5	1%	

Number of cases 552 100%

Q36 District protected the region's water resources from increased diversions to Colorado's Front Range

Approve	416	75%	
Strongly	294	53%	
Somewhat	122	22%	
Disapprove	100	18%	
Somewhat	46	8%	
Strongly	54	10%	
Unsure	36	7%	








Number of cases 552 100%

Q37 Participation in any kind of outdoor water recreation on lakes, ponds, or reservoirs







Daily	13	2%	
Weekly	99	18%	
Monthly	132	24%	
Every few months	93	17%	
Less often	201	36%	
Unsure	8	1%	
Refused	6	1%	

Number of cases 552 100%







Q38 Participation in any kind of outdoor water recreation on rivers or streams

Daily	24	4%	
Weekly	79	14%	
Monthly	127	23%	
Every few months	100	18%	
Less often	192	35%	
Unsure	18	3%	
Refused	10	2%	
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
Q39 Region where you live is a good place to raise a family

Very accurate	409	74%	
Somewhat accurate	127	23%	
Not very accurate	11	2%	
Not at all accurate	5	1%	
Unsure	0	0%	
Refused	1	0%	
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Q40 Region where you live is a good place to build a new business







Very accurate	148	27%	
Somewhat accurate	241	44%	
Not very accurate	128	23%	
Not at all accurate	26	5%	
Unsure	8	1%	
Refused	1	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	

Q41 Region where you live is a good place to retire

Very accurate	320	58%	
Somewhat accurate	151	27%	
Not very accurate	47	8%	
Not at all accurate	30	5%	
Unsure	3	1%	
Refused	1	0%	







Number of cases 552 100%

Q42 Region where you live is a has good opportunities for recreation

Very accurate	448	81%	
Somewhat accurate	84	15%	
Not very accurate	16	3%	
Not at all accurate	3	0%	
Unsure	0	0%	
Refused	1	0%	







Number of cases 552 100%

Q43 Region where you live is a good place to farm or ranch

Very accurate	224	41%	
Somewhat accurate	188	34%	
Not very accurate	96	17%	
Not at all accurate	39	7%	
Unsure	3	1%	
Refused	1	0%	







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Q44 Region where you live is a has reasonable taxes







Very accurate	120	22%	
Somewhat accurate	271	49%	
Not very accurate	96	17%	
Not at all accurate	53	10%	
Unsure	10	2%	
Refused	2	0%	

Number of cases 552 100%







Q45 Region where you live is a good place to build property values

Very accurate	332	60%	
Somewhat accurate	165	30%	
Not very accurate	39	7%	
Not at all accurate	7	1%	
Unsure	8	1%	
Refused	1	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	







Q46 Region where you live is a place of scenic beauty

Very accurate	495	90%	
Somewhat accurate	47	9%	
Not very accurate	5	1%	
Not at all accurate	2	0%	
Unsure	1	0%	
Refused	1	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	







Q47 Out of state water interests such as California competing for your use of water

Very threatening	351	64%	
Somewhat threatening	146	26%	
Only a little threatening	23	4%	
Not at all threatening	26	5%	
Unsure	5	1%	
Refused	2	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	







Q48 Water users from other regions of Colorado such as Denver & the Front Range competing for your use of water

Very threatening	249	45%	
Somewhat threatening	217	39%	
Only a little threatening	41	7%	
Not at all threatening	42	8%	
Unsure	2	0%	
Refused	1	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	







Q49 Environmental regulations competing for your use of water

Very threatening	106	19%	
Somewhat threatening	215	39%	
Only a little threatening	101	18%	
Not at all threatening	86	16%	
Unsure	44	8%	
Refused	1	0%	
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Q50 Federal management of water resources competing for your use of water

Very threatening	116	21%	
Somewhat threatening	249	45%	
Only a little threatening	76	14%	
Not at all threatening	67	12%	
Unsure	43	8%	
Refused	1	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	


Q51 Other West Slope water users competing for your use of water

Very threatening	61	11%	
Somewhat threatening	201	36%	
Only a little threatening	139	25%	
Not at all threatening	139	25%	
Unsure	10	2%	
Refused	2	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	





Q52 Financial situation now compared with a year ago

Better off	171	31%	
About the same	210	38%	
Worse off	167	30%	
Unsure	2	0%	
Refused	2	0%	
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
Q53 Expectations for financial situation at this time next year

Better off	268	49%	
About the same	167	30%	
Worse off	94	17%	
Unsure	20	4%	
Refused	3	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	






Q52 & Q53 Consumer confidence

High	136	25%	
Low	53	10%	
Mixed	360	65%	
Not ascertained	3	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	552	100%	









**Q54 Property taxes paid to
local governments & schools**

Too high	252	46%	
Much too high	93	17%	
Somewhat too high	159	29%	
About right	247	45%	
Too low	36	7%	
Somewhat too low	26	5%	
Much too low	10	2%	
Do not pay property taxes	9	2%	
Unsure	7	1%	
Refused	1	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	







Q55 Years lived in Colorado

Less than 10	103	19%	
10 to 25	133	24%	
More than 25	111	20%	
Native	193	35%	
Refused	12	2%	
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Q56 Size of place

City	73	13%	
Suburb	40	7%	
Medium-sized town	89	16%	
Small town	208	38%	
Rural area	86	16%	
Farm, ranch	42	8%	
Other	10	2%	
Refused	3	1%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	






Q57 Residence

Own	447	81%	
Lease	6	1%	
Rent	83	15%	
Other	10	2%	
Unsure	1	0%	
Refused	4	1%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	







Q58 Education

High school or less	141	26%	
Some grade school	2	0%	
Some high school	11	2%	
Graduated high school	127	23%	
Some college	157	28%	
College graduate	244	44%	
Graduated college	163	29%	
Graduate, professional school	81	15%	
Refused	10	2%	
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Q59 Adults in household

Single adult	103	19%	
2 or more	440	80%	
2	378	68%	
3 or more	63	11%	
Refused	9	2%	
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Q60 Infants & children in household

None	327	59%	
1 or more	215	39%	
1	113	20%	
2	56	10%	
3 or more	46	8%	
Refused	10	2%	
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Q59 & Q60 Household type

Family	454	82%	
With children	215	39%	
Single adult	13	2%	
No children	238	43%	
50 years or less	107	19%	
50 or more years	131	24%	
Single adult, no children	89	16%	
50 years or less	43	8%	
50 or more years	46	8%	
Not ascertained	9	2%	
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Q61 Most affects income & financial security

Public sector	90	16%	
Government; military	50	9%	
Education	40	7%	
Private sector	328	59%	
Tourism	101	18%	
Retail business	57	10%	
Real estate	67	12%	
Manufacturing	25	5%	
Financial services	29	5%	
Mining; energy	25	5%	
High-tech & telecommunications	10	2%	
Transportation	13	2%	
Agriculture; farming	39	7%	
Healthcare	48	9%	
Other	10	2%	
Unsure	29	5%	
Refused	8	2%	
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Q62 Employment status

Employed in work force	374	68%	
Full-time	282	51%	
Part time	91	17%	
Other	168	30%	
Unemployed, temporarily laid off	20	4%	
Retired	107	19%	
Homemaker	33	6%	
Student	8	1%	
Refused	10	2%	
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Q63 Ideology

Conservative	223	40%	
Very	92	17%	
Somewhat	131	24%	
Moderate; middle-of-road	177	32%	
Liberal	132	24%	
Somewhat	97	18%	
Very	35	6%	
Unsure	8	2%	
Refused	11	2%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	











Q64 Income

\$35,000 or less	121	22%	
\$35,001 to \$65,000	163	30%	
More than \$65,000	108	19%	
Unsure, refused	160	29%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	









Relative Socio-Economic Status

Low	198	36%	
Medium	168	31%	
High	176	32%	
Not ascertained	10	2%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	

















Age

35 or less	174	32%	
18 - 29	108	20%	
30 - 35	66	12%	
36 to 55	225	41%	
36 - 45	109	20%	
46 - 55	116	21%	
More than 55	153	28%	
56 - 65	73	13%	
More than 65	80	14%	
Not ascertained	0	0%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	

















Ideology & age

Conservative	223	40%	
45 or less	106	19%	
More than 45	117	21%	
Moderate; liberal	310	56%	
45 or less	170	31%	
More than 45	140	25%	
Unsure	8	2%	
Refused	11	2%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	

Party affiliation, ideology, & age

Republican	217	39%	
Conservative	138	25%	
Very conservative	72	13%	
Moderate; liberal	75	14%	
45 or less	110	20%	
More than 45	107	19%	
Democrat	137	25%	
Conservative	30	5%	
Moderate; liberal	106	19%	
45 or less	52	9%	
More than 45	86	16%	
Unaffiliated; other	198	36%	
Conservative	55	10%	
Moderate; liberal	129	23%	
45 or less	122	22%	
More than 45	76	14%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	




















Sex by age, party, & ideology

Male	280	51%	
45 or less	144	26%	
More than 45	136	25%	
Republican	116	21%	
Democrat	61	11%	
Unaffiliated; other	103	19%	
Conservative	125	23%	
Moderate, liberal	147	27%	
Female	272	49%	
45 or less	140	25%	
More than 45	132	24%	
Republican	101	18%	
Democrat	77	14%	
Unaffiliated; other	95	17%	
Conservative	98	18%	
Moderate, liberal	163	30%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	

Years registered to vote

Less than 5	193	35%	
5 to 10	161	29%	
More than 10	198	36%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	

Geographic areas

South	309	56%	
Mesa County	163	30%	
Other	309	56%	
Delta County	40	7%	
Gunnison County	25	4%	
Hinsdale County	1	0%	
Montrose County	45	8%	
Ouray County	7	1%	
Pitkin County	25	5%	
Saguache County	3	0%	
Central	162	29%	
Eagle County	53	10%	
Garfield County	62	11%	
Summit County	48	9%	
North	82	15%	
Grand County	21	4%	
Moffat County	18	3%	
Rio Blanco County	9	2%	
Routt County	33	6%	
<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>100%</i>	